

During a House Budget Hearing today, Congressman Lloyd Doggett recognized the life of Vernon Hunter, who was killed last Thursday in the suicide attack on IRS employees in Austin. Before beginning his questioning of U.S. Treasury Secretary Geithner, Doggett observed, "Certainly the professionalism of the IRS employees there, the help of a good Samaritan and our first responders were vital in minimizing the loss of life [in Austin]. Some of the responses to that attack have been nothing short of appalling. The terror caused by a suicide attack on this public building certainly didn't involve any heroism by the attacker. Because terror knows no discrimination, it is, as you know from meeting with his widow, particularly tragic that Vern Hunter, who provided 48 years of public service, almost 30 at the IRS, and two tours of service with the U.S. Army in Vietnam, was killed."

To see Congressman Doggett's comments and Secretary Geithner's response, please click [here](#).